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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: FEBRUARY 20, 1975 PLENARY SESSION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT THE FEBRUARY 20 PLENARY MEETING
OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, THE ONLY PREPARED STATEMENT
WAS DELIVERED BY THE BULGARIAN REP (DICHEV). THE NEW
CZECHOSLOVAK REP (LAHODA) ALSO SPOKE BRIEFLY, PLEDGING
HIS BEST EFFORTS TO COME TO AN OUTCOME, COMMENTING
THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE MOVEMENT SO FAR IN THE NEGO-
TIATIONS, AND PRESENTING A CAPSULE SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT
EASTERN POSITION AND ARGUMENTATION.

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2. THE BULGARIAN STATEMENT WAS A GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE EASTERN POSITION (MAIN POINTS IN PARA 9). DICHEV CALLED FOR COVERAGE IN REDUCTIONS OF ALL TYPES OF ARMED FORCES -- BOTH GROUND TROOPS AND AIR FORCES AND ALSO WEAPONS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE POINTED TO THE TWO EASTERN INITIATIVES AT THE END OF LAST YEAR -- THE INITIAL REDUCTION AND FREEZE PROPOSALS -- AND CLAIMED SUCH FIRST STEPS WOULD FACILITATE ACHIEVEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL, MUTUAL REDUCTIONS. DICHEV EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE WESTERN REJECTION OF THE EASTERN INITIAL REDUCTION STEP PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT IT PROVIDED THAT THE US AND USSR SHOULD BEGIN REDUCTIONS FIRST, WHILE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CARRY OUT REDUCTIONS AFTERWARD. DICHEV REITERATED THE NOW RITUAL EASTERN LINE THAT THE WARSAW PACT POSITION CONFORMS STRICTLY TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES AGREED IN THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS, WHILE THE WESTERN POSITION IS ONE-SIDED, BASED ON ARTIFICIAL CONCEPTS AND INCONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY. ON THESE GROUNDS, THE BULGARIAN REP CONTENDED THAT THE EASTERN POSITION CORRESPONDED MOST CLOSELY TO THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE FLANK STATES.

3. BEGIN COMMENT: IN PARA 7 OF THE TEXT, DICHEV DESCRIBED THE EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL AS INVOLVING THE NON-INCREASE OF "ARMAMENTS" AS WELL AS "ARMED FORCE MANPOWER." IT IS NOT CLEAR IF THE REFERENCE TO "ARMAMENTS" WAS INADVERTENT. END COMMENT. END SUMMARY.

4. THE TEXT OF THE BULGARIAN STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR CHAIRMAN, COMRADES AND GENTLEMEN,

1. WE RECENTLY RECEIVED AN OPEN LETTER SIGNED BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORLD VETERANS FEDERATION, WILLIAM O. COOPER, AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RESISTANCE FIGHTERS, ALEXIS LHOTE. I IMAGINE THAT THE OTHER
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DELEGATIONS REPRESENTED AT THIS TABLE HAVE RECEIVED IDENTICAL LETTERS.

2. IT SAYS IN THE LETTER: "TENS OF MILLIONS OF FORMER SERVICE-MEN, RESISTANCE FIGHTERS AND VICTIMS OF THE WAR IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES...EXPRESS THE SINCERE HOPE THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE WORK OUT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AN AGREEMENT

WHICH WILL ASSIST THE STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION
IN EUROPE".

3. THERE ARE PEOPLE AMONG US WHO WERE PARTICIPANTS IN THE
EVENTS REFERRED TO IN THE LETTER WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED, AND
THEY MUST UNDERSTAND BETTER THAN ALL THE OTHERS WHAT THEIR WAR-
TIME COMPANIONS IN ARMS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT. I AM CONVINCED
THAT THIS CONCERN IS ALSO UNDERSTANDABLE TO EVERYBODY, SINCE,
DESPITE THE FACT THAT A CONSIDERABLE TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THE
END OF THE WAR AND THAT MUCH HAS CHANGED FUNDAMENTALLY IN THE
LIFE OF PEOPLES, THE THREAT OF A NEW WAR REMAINS. WE ARE ALL
WELL AWARE THAT IF SUCH A CATASTROPHE BROKE OUT, IT WOULD BRING
MANKIND STILL MORE VICTIMS AND DESTRUCTION, IN THAT NOT ONLY
CONVENTIONAL BUT ALSO NUCLEAR WEAPONS MIGHT BE USED IN IT.
THEREFORE THE PEOPLES OF THE WHOLE WORLD ARE RIGHT TO FEEL

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CONCERNED AND TO DEMAND THE ADOPTION OF SPECIFIC MEASURES WITH THE
AIM OF PREVENTING THIS DEADLY WEAPONRY FROM BEING SET INTO MOTION
EVER IN THE FUTURE.

4. WITH ALL THIS IN MIND, THE BULGARIAN DELEGATION HOLDS FIRMLY
TO THE VIEW THAT THE AGREEMENT WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS IN OUR
NEGOTIATIONS ARE OCCUPIED IN WORKING OUT MUST HAVE AN ALL-
EMBRACING CHARACTER AND COVER ALL TYPES OF ARMED FORCES - BOTH
GROUND TROOPS AND AIR FORCES AND ALSO WEAPONS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR
WEAPONS. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT AND EVEN AN
UNDERSTANDING ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE GROWTH OF ARMED FORCES IN
CENTRAL EUROPE IN THE PERIOD IN WHICH WE ARE NEGOTIATING HERE
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WILL BE HIGHLY ASSESSED BY THE PEOPLES OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

5. UNDOUBTEDLY, THE SUBJECT OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS - THE REDUCTION
OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE - IS VERY
COMPLICATED, AND THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM, AS WAS CLEAR FROM
THE VERY BEGINNING REQUIRES GREAT EFFORTS AND CONSIDERABLE TIME.
IN HIS TIME METTERNICH EXPRESSED THE THOUGHT THAT "BEARING IN
MIND THE TIME FACTOR, WE MUST TURN OUR PATIENCE INTO OUR WEAPON".
IT SEEMS TO ME THAT NOBODY COULD ACCUSE US OF LACK OF PATIENCE
NOW, MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER THE BEGINNING OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS.
HOWEVER, AT THE SAME TIME IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BE AWARE THAT WE
MUST NOT PROLONG INDEFINITELY THE SOLUTION OF SUCH VITALLY
IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF THE END OF THE 20TH CENTURY
AS STOPPING THE ARMS RACE, AND IN THE FIRST PLACE THE NUCLEAR ARMS
RACE, AND ALSO THE QUESTION OF THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES IN
AREAS WHERE THEIR CONCENTRATION IS PARTICULARLY GREAT IN PEACETIME,
AND ABOVE ALL IN THE AREA OF CENTRAL EUROPE. IF WE FIND MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT ON THESE QUESTIONS, THEN THIS WILL
LEAD, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, TO A REDUCTION IN THE HEAVY BURDEN
OF MILITARY EXPENDITURE WHICH LIES ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE
PEOPLES AND IS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE SERIOUS ECONOMIC
DIFFICULTIES BEING EXPERIENCED BY MANY COUNTRIES. TO USE A
METAPHOR, THE BOAT IS ALREADY SUFFICIENTLY LOADED, AND, SO THAT
IT SHOULD NOT CAPSIZE, IT IS NECESSARY TO START TO UNLOAD IT,
AND NOT TO BURDEN IT STILL FURTHER.

6. DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF ALL THE URGENCY AND THE PRESSING
CHARACTER OF THE TASK STANDING BEFORE US, THE DELEGATIONS OF THE
SOCIALIST STATES HAVE MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE
CAUSE OF PROGRESS IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS BY MAKING TWO NEW
INITIATIVES AT THE END OF LAST YEAR. THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
PROPOSE THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, WHILE
CONTINUING DISCUSSION ON THE QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE WHICH STILL

SEPARATE THEM, SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE FIRST, IF ONLY LIMITED, NONE THE LESS MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE, SOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR MAIN AIM - THE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

7. THE OPINION HAS ALREADY BEEN EXPRESSED AT THIS TABLE THAT THE PROPOSALS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES INDICATED ABOVE ARE ALLEGEDLY UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE THEY, SO IT IS SAID, DO NOT GO FAR
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ENOUGH AND DO NOT ENVISAGE "A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION" OF ARMED FORCES. IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD LIKE ABOVE ALL TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF FULLY WITH MY COLLEAGUES THE REPRESENTATIVES OF SOCIALIST STATES WHO HAVE SPOKEN AT PREVIOUS PLENARY SESSIONS IN JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSALS FOR AN INITIAL REDUCTION STEP AND FOR A JOINT DECLARATION CONCERNING THE NON-INCREASE OF ARMED FORCE MANPOWER AND ARMAMENTS IN THE PERIOD OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. I WOULD ONLY LIKE TO ADD THAT, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, BY PUTTING FORWARD THEIR DEMAND FOR "ALL OR NOTHING", THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS ARE IN EFFECT EVADING ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IMPLEMENTATION OF WHICH WOULD PUT AN OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF THE ARMS RACE AND WOULD CREATE A FAVOURABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS. THROUGH SUCH AN APPROACH, WHICH IS IN NO WAY PRODUCTIVE, WE MIGHT LOSE FAVOURABLE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF USEFUL SOLUTIONS. WE CANNOT BUT BE SURPRISED AT THE POSITION OF THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS, IN THAT IN THE PROPOSALS OF THE SOCIALIST STATES TO WHICH I HAVE REFERRED ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF A WHOLE SERIES OF CONSIDERATIONS ADVANCED BY WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES, AND IN PARTICULAR OF THE PROPOSAL THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BEGIN REDUCTIONS FIRST, AND THAT THE OTHER STATES WHICH ARE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD CARRY OUT REDUCTIONS AFTERWARDS.

8. AS REGARDS MORE FAR-REACHING MEASURES FOR THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS, AS IS WELL KNOWN TO ALL, IT WAS THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WERE THE FIRST TO PROPOSE A CLEAR PROGRAMME WORKED OUT IN DETAIL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCTIONS, WHICH WAS FORMULATED IN THE SHAPE OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT OF THE FOUR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF 8 NOVEMBER 1973. DESCRIBING THE BASIC CONTENTS OF THIS PROGRAMME, THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION, O N KHLESTOV, STATED IN HIS SPEECH AT THE LAST SESSION OF THE FOURTH ROUND OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THE FOLLOWING: "THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA HAS CLEARLY CONFIRMED THAT THE APPROACH OF THE SOCIALIST STATES TO THE PROBLEM OF THE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE, SET OUT IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT OF 8 NOVEMBER 1973, IS OBJECTIVE AND EQUITABLE. THE DRAFT AGREEMENT IS BASED ON A SOBER ASSESSMENT OF THE REALITIES EXISTING IN THE CENTRE OF THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE AND IS A DETAILED PROGRAMME OF

SPECIFIC AND PRACTICALLY REALISABLE REDUCTION STEPS."

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9. THE ADVANTAGE OF THE BROAD PROGRAMME FOR A GENUINELY SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS PUT FORWARD BY THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES CONSISTS IN THE FACT THAT IT ENVISAGES THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT STEPS RELATING TO REDUCTIONS: FIRST, THE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS AND FORCES BY ALL THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE TALKS IN CENTRAL EUROPE; SECONDLY, THE TAKING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF PRECISE AND CLEAR OBLIGATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS BY ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS; THIRDLY, A COMPREHENSIVE METHOD OF REDUCTION PERMITTING THE INCLUSION OF ALL TYPES OF ARMED FORCES IN A GIVEN AREA - GROUND TROOPS, AIR FORCES, AND ALSO UNITS AND SUBUNITS EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS; FOURTHLY, THE REDUCTION BOTH OF PERSONNEL AND OF ARMAMENTS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR ONES, ON AN EQUAL QUANTITY AND EQUAL PERCENTAGE BASIS; FIFTHLY, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS WPPHIN CONCISE PERIODS.

10. THIS PROGRAM OF THE SOCIALIST STATES, WHICH STILL REMAINS IN FORCE IN ITS ENTIRETY TODAY, CONFORMS IN ALL RESPECTS AND STRICTLY TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE CONDUCT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE DELEGATIONS OF NINETEEN STATES - THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS. I HAVE IN MIND FIRST OF ALL THE PRINCIPLES OF THE MUTUALITY OF REDUCTIONS AND OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR EACH OF THE PARTIES. THE CONSISTENT OBSERVANCE OF THESE PRINCIPLES ALSO HAS PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE FOR PRESERVING THE SECURITY OF THE FLANK COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA.

MR CHAIRMAN,

11. IN COMPARISON WITH THE PROGRAMME FOR A MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE PRESENTED BY THE

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SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSIDER IN ANY WAY
ADEQUATE - TO PUT IT MILDLY - THE SCHEME OF BASIC PROPOSALS
WHICH THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS HAVE INTRODUCED FOR EXAMINATION
BY THE PARTICIPANTS IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS, DESPITE THE MODIFICATIONS
THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN IT; MOREOVER, IT CONTRADICTS THE AGREED
PRINCIPLES TO WHICH I HAVE ALREADY REFERRED AND MOST OF ALL THE
PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR ALL PARTIES. IN DECLARING
THAT THEY ARE PROPONENTS OF "SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS", THE WESTERN
DELEGATIONS REJECT THE PROPOSALS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, WHICH
OPEN THE WAY TO MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS RELATING TO GENUINELY
SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS. CLEARLY THERE IS NO LOGIC IN SUCH A
POSITION.

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12. BASING THEMSELVES ON THEIR ARTIFICIAL CONCEPTIONS, OUR
WESTERN COLLEAGUES TRY TO CONVINCE US THAT THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS
MUST WORK OUT A SOLUTION NOT ON MUTUAL REDUCTIONS, BUT, IN ESSENCE,
ON ONE-SIDED REDUCTIONS OF TROOPS AND ARMAMENTS BY THE SOCIALIST
STATES. IF WE WERE TO ACCEPT THE WESTERN SCHEME, THEN THE MOST
DESTRUCTIVE WEAPON AND ITS MEANS OF DELIVERY, INCLUDING AIR FORCES
WOULD REMAIN OUTSIDE REDUCTIONS. IN ADDITION, IT IS EFFECTIVELY
PROPOSED TO REFUSE ALSO TO REDUCE ARMAMENTS, RESERVING FOR STATES

THE RIGHT TO INCREASE THEM IN THE CENTRE OF THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT. THE QUESTION MAY MAY LEGITIMATELY BE ASKED: CAN SUCH AN APPROACH REALLY ANSWER THE REAL PURPOSES OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS, A SOLUTION OF THE TASK OF THE REDUCTION OF FORCES AND THEIR ARMAMENTS?

13. THE WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES TRY TO PROVE THAT DURING THE THIRTY YEARS THAT HAVE PASSED SINCE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, THAT DEGREE OF SECURITY ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT HAS NOT BEEN CREATED THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO PROCEED TO THE REDUCTION OF THEIR FORCES. THEY CONSIDER THAT SECURITY IN EUROPE CAN BE STABILIZED IN ONLY ONE WAY: BY THE REDUCTION OF THE GROUND FORCES AND TANKS OF THE SOCIALIST STATES. THE DELEGATIONS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE SHOWN REPEATEDLY IN THEIR STATEMENTS THAT THIS IS AN OPENLY ONE-SIDED APPROACH PURSUING THE GOAL OF OBTAINING MILITARY ADVANTAGES FOR THE COUNTRIES OF NATO.

14. IN COMING OUT IN FAVOUR OF A CHANGE IN THE EXISTING CORRELATION OF FORCES, SOME WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES AT TIMES COME INTO CONTRADICTION WITH WHAT HAS BEEN SAID EARLIER BY THEIR COLLEAGUES AT OUR NEGOTIATIONS. HERE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS WHAT THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIUM, AMBASSADOR ADIAENSSEN SAID IN HIS STATEMENT AT THE PLENARY SESSION OF 30 OCTOBER 1973: "...IN ESSENCE WE SHALL EXAMINE THE MEANS OF DETERRENCE AND DEFENCE WHICH FOR THIRTY YEARS HAVE BEEN SAFEGUARDING THE SECURITY OF OUR CONTINENT. IN THE COURSE OF OUR WORK WE SHALL HAVE NOT TO LOSE SIGHT OF FOR A SINGLE MINUTE THE NECESSITY OF NOT DIMINISHING SECURITY AT THIS LEVEL IN ANY WAY... WE MUST, CONSEQUENTLY, STRIVE TO PRSERVE A SECURITY IDENTICAL TO THAT WHICH EXISTS, IF NOT MORE STABLE, BUT AT LOWER LEVELS OF ARMED FORCES." IT APPEARS TO US THAT SUCH A STATEMENT SOUNDS MORE REALISTIC THAN THE ARGUMENTS OF SOME OTHER WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES ON THE THEME OF THE NECESSITY OF CHANGING A CORRELATION OF FORCES THAT HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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HISTORICALLY ESTABLISHED.

MR CHAIRMAN,

15. THE PURPOSE OF MY STATEMENT TODAY IS TO TRY AND ANALYSE, FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATE WITH SPECIAL STATUS, THE SITUATION IN OUR TALKS AT THE PRESENT TIME, IN ORDER TO SHOW WHICH OF THE PROPOSALS OF THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS MOST CORRESPONDS TO THE INTERESTS OF THE FLANK STATES. IN ANSWERING THIS QUESTION, I SHOULD LIKE ONCE AGAIN TO UNDERLINE PARTICULARLY THAT THOSE STEPS ON REDUCTIONS WHICH, IN MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO LOWER THE LEVELS OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS, WOULD AT THE SAME TIME NOT DESTROY THE EXISTING CORRELATION OF FORCES BOTH IN CENTRAL EUOPE AND IN OTHER AREAS OF THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT INCLUDING THE BALKANS - THAT SUCH STEPS WOULD CORRESPOND TO THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF MY COUNTRY WHICH ARE SAFEGUARDED IN

CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE STATES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW PACT.

16. WE CONSIDER THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE DOING SOMETHING LARGE AND IMPORTANT IF IN THIS YEAR, WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD WILL CELEBRATE THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND THE DEFEAT OF FASCISM, THEY WERE TO MARK THIS UNIVERSAL HOLIDAY BY ACHIEVING CONCRETE UNDERSTANDING THAT WOULD CORRESPOND TO THE TASKS BEFORE US. "WE ARE CERTAIN", THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF BULGARIA AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, COMRADE TODOR ZHIVKOV SAID RECENTLY IN SOFIA, "OF THE SUCCESS OF THE VIENNA TALKS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE." THE BULGARIAN DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT IT IS THE COMMON DUTY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS NOT TO SPARE THEIR EFFORTS IN WORKING TOWARDS SECURING MILITARY DETENTE IN THE CENTRE OF OUR OLD CONTINENT BY THE ELABORATION OF CONCRETE SOLUTIONS.
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